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SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, forwarding, for submission to Their Excellencies the Lords Justices, the Forty-Eighth Report of the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records and Keeper of the State Papers in Ireland.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed), E. O'FARRELL.

The Deputy Keeper,
Public Record Office of Ireland,
Four Courts,
Dublin.

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TO THEIR EXCELLENCIES THE LORDS JUSTICES
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MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCIES,

I respectfully beg to submit my Report, under the direction of the Right Honourable the Master of the Rolls, and pursuant to the 24th section of the Public Records (Ireland) Act, 1867, on the proceedings had during the year 1915 in connexion with the Public Records of Ireland.

1. The work of this Department continues to be seriously affected by the war. Several members of the Staff, with the consent of the Master of the Rolls, joined his Majesty's Forces until the termination of the war, and the places of absent members will be kept open for them until they retire from such military service.

Others applied for permission to enlist, but they could not be spared as their absence would cripple the resources of the Office.

2. Out of seven Class 1. clerks, two joined His Majesty's Forces: Mr. Harold Thorp enlisted in the Royal Army Medical Corps and Mr. G. S. Robertson in the Royal Scots Regiment. Out of seven Supplementary clerks, Mr. James L. J. Hughes obtained a temporary commission in the Cheshire Regiment and Mr. M. F. Duggan joined the Royal Dublin Fusiliers. Mr. James O. Nicolson, a workman searcher, served with the Irish Guards and was promoted to be Acting-Sergeant.

3. Mr. Nicolson was wounded at Richebourg-l'Avoue on 18th May, 1915: on his recovery he rejoined his Regiment without delay.

4. I regret to have to report the death of Mr. G. S. Robertson: he was killed in France on 29th September, 1915. He was born in the year 1892, and graduated at Exeter College, Oxford, in 1914. After the competitive examination for Class I. Clerkships in 1914 he was assigned to fill a vacant post in this office, but he obtained a temporary commission in the Army before he could take up his duties here, and subsequently he was promoted to be a temporary captain. This Department has lost an officer of promise and his early death at the age of twenty-three years is much to be regretted.

5. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury authorised an expenditure not to exceed 50*l.* in the purchase for the office library of certain scarce and valuable books and maps belonging to the late Deputy Keeper which were to be sold by public auction in January, 1915. (Treasury Letter 1877/15.)

The sum of 29*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* was expended and some useful books of reference and maps were secured, but it was not considered prudent to make further purchases owing to the unusually high prices realised by most of the books relating to Ireland.

6. The Sydney Manuscripts, sold at Frognaal, and the Macartney Manuscripts, sold at London, contained Maps and Irish State Papers which throw valuable light on Irish History in the periods 1768-78 and 1782-9.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury requested the Trustees of the British Museum to cause them to be inspected and purchased at a reasonable price for this Office. At the sales private bidders raised the prices of the lots containing these records far beyond what was reasonable and it is much to be regretted that they could not be secured for this Department. It should be noted, however, that everything possible was done by the Treasury and the British Museum.

7. Mr. M. J. Byrne, solicitor, Listowel, offered to this Office a volume containing sixty-four Kerry maps made in the year 1697, on condition that he should be furnished with official copies of the maps without payment of any Fees. Treasury sanction was given to accept his proposal and to remit Fees amounting to 50*l.* The maps were received here under the sixteenth section of the Act, 30 and 31 Vic., c. 70, and are a valuable addition to the Kerry maps already deposited here.

8. Mr. Martin J. Blake, B.L., deposited here, under the same section, the "Blake Family Records" extending from the year 1315 to 1699.

This collection illustrates the very interesting history of a well known Galway family, and throws many side-lights on the history of Galway, Athenry, various Religious Houses and several representative families.

Mr. Blake published a Calendar of the "Blake Family Records," in two volumes, which he had already presented to the Office Library.

9. The checking and arrangement of various increments of Records accruing during the last five years were delayed owing to pressure caused by the demands of Old Age Pensions' work, vacancies in the Staff, and the absence of officers who joined the Forces of the Crown during the present war. This work has now been completed and the Records specified in paragraphs 31-4 have been checked and arranged.

10. The collection of Records of the diocese of Armagh, received from the Land Commission, has been very thoroughly examined and re-arranged.

RECEIPT OF RECORDS.

There were received during the year:—

11. From the Offices of the Chancery Registrars, and the Office of the Registrar and Clerk of the Errors, Court of Appeal:—

Court Minute and Order Book (Court for Land Cases reserved and Court for Land Appeals), 1870-1873.
 Court Minute Books (Court of Exchequer Chamber and Court of Appeal), 1800-1879.
 Court Minute Book (Court of Appeal), 1879-1894.
 Order and Rule Book (Court of Exchequer Chamber and Court of Appeal), 1875-1879.
 Registrar's Court Books (Lord Chancellor's Court and Court of Chancery Appeals), 1858-1878; and (Court of Appeal), 1878-94.
 Registrar's Court Minute Books (Rolls Court), 1802-1894.
 Registrar's Court Note or Minute Books (Vice-Chancellor's Court), 1867-1894.

12. From the Consolidated Taxing Office:—

Costs, Certified (Master Coffey), 1894.
 " " (Master Coffey), Solicitor and Client, 1894.
 " " (Master Davis), 1894.
 " " (Master Davis), Solicitor and Client, 1894.
 " " (Master Mathews), 1894.
 " " (Master Mathews), Solicitor and Client 1894.
 Certifying Cost Book (Master Coffey), 1892-1894.
 " " " (Master Davis), 1893-1894.
 " " " (Master Mathews), 1892-1894.
 Receipt Books for Costs, 1893-1894.

13. From the Office of Registrar in Linnacy:—

Accounts, 1893, 1894.
 Affidavits, 1893, 1894.
 Reports, Orders, and Petitions, 1893-1894.

14. From the King's Bench Division (Probate), Principal Registry :—

Caveat Book, 1894.
 Day Book, 1894.
 Grant Books, 1894.
 " " (District), 1894.
 Index to Wills proved, 1889-1894.
 Judgments, 1894.
 Matrimonial Cause Book, 1870-1894.
 Orders (Court), 1894.
 Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1894.
 Rule Book (Court), 1894.
 " " (Registrar's), 1894.
 Schedules, 1894.
 Will Books, 1894.
 " " (District), 1894.
 Wills, 1894.
 " (Unproved), 1894.

15. From the Armagh District Probate Registry :—

Caveats, 1894.
 Grant Book (Probates), 1894.
 Grant Book (Intestacies), 1894.
 Grant Book (Admons., Wills Annexed), 1894.
 Wills, Admons, etc., Index to, 1893-1894.
 Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1894.

16. From the Ballina District Probate Registry :—

Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1894.

17. From the Belfast District Probate Registry :—

Application Book, 1892-1894.
 Grant Book (Admons., Wills Annexed), 1894.
 Grant Book (Intestacies), 1894.
 Grant Book (Probates), 1894.
 Grant Book (Special and Unadministered), 1882-1891; and (Unadministered Probates), 1892-1894.
 Grant Book (Unadministered Intestacies), 1892-1894.
 Grant Book (Unadministered Wills annexed), 1892-1894.
 Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1894.

18. From the Cavan District Probate Registry :—

Caveats, 1892.
 Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1893.

19. From the Cork District Probate Registry :—

Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1894.

20. From the Kilkenny District Probate Registry :—

Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1894.

21. From the Londonderry District Probate Registry :—

Caveats, 1893, 1894.
 Grant Book (Intestacies), 1891-1892.
 Grant Book (Probates), 1892-1894.
 Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1893, 1894.

22. From the Mullingar District Probate Registry :—

Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1894.

23. From the Tuam District Probate Registry :—

Caveats, 1894.

Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1894.

24. From the Waterford District Probate Registry :—

Unproved Wills, 1894.

Wills and Papers leading to Grants of Probate and Administration, 1894.

25. From the Peace Office of the County of Dublin :—

Affidavits to obtain Decrees by Default, 1892-1894.

Civil Bill Books, 1893-1894.

Equity Book (Recorder's), 1887-1891.

Equity Civil Bill Book (Court Book), 1888-93.

Equity Civil Bill Papers, 1880-1893.

Jurors (Special), Certificates, 1894.

Maps, Plans, etc., 1892-1895.

Voters' Lists, 1893-1894.

From the Peace Office of the County of the City of Dublin :—

Affidavits to obtain Decrees by Default, 1893-94.

Appeal Books to Quarter Sessions (Clerk of the Peace), 1879-1899.

Appeal Book to Quarter Sessions (Recorder's), 1890-1894.

Appeals to Quarter Sessions, 1893-1894.

Civil Bill Books, 1893-1894.

Consents to Decrees in Civil Bill Actions, 1894.

Convictions, 1893-94.

Correspondence, 1894.

Crown Book at Quarter Sessions (Recorder's), 1891-93.

Crown Files at Quarter Sessions, 1893-94.

Ejectment Papers, 1893-94.

Equity Book (Recorder's), 1880-90.

Equity Books (Registrar's), 1880-86, 1889-93.

Equity Civil Bill Book (Entry Book), 1889-91.

Equity Civil Bill Papers, 1892-94.

Equity Order Book, 1889-94.

Jurors' Books, 1893-94.

Maps, Plans, etc., 1893-94.

Protection Orders (Married Women), 1893.

Publicans' Licence Application Court Book (Clerk of the Peace), 1889-93.

Publicans' Licences, Notices of Application, 1893-94.

Publicans' Licences, Notices to Register, 1893-94.

Renewal Affidavits, 1893-94.

Voters' Lists, 1893-94.

Witnesses' Expenses, 1893-94.

Writs of Summons and Orders remitting, 1893-94.

26. From the Crown and Peace Office of the County of Fermanagh :—

Appeals to Assizes, 1888-1893.

Civil Bill Books, 1884-1893.

Civil Bill Papers, 1888-1893.

Coroners' Inquests, 1887-1893.

Crown Book at Quarter Sessions, 1865-1893.

Crown Books at Assizes, 1885, 1888-1893.
 Crown Files at Assizes, 1888-1893.
 Crown Files at Quarter Sessions, 1888-1893.
 Ejectment Books, 1884-1893.
 Jurors' Books, 1887-1893.
 Jurors' Lists, 1888-1893.
 Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, Case Book, 1881-1888.
 Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881, Fair Rent Agreements and Orders, 1882-1893.
 Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, Notices and Affidavits (Section 7), 1887-1893.
 Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1861, and 1887, papers relating to, 1882-1893.
 Land Sessions Court Book, 1871-1902.
 Landlord and Tenant (Ireland) Act, 1870, Index, 1871-1890.
 Process Servers' Books, 1885-1893.
 Renewal Affidavits, 1887-1893.
 Voters' Lists, etc., 1888-1893.
 Voters' Registers, 1887-1893.

27. From the Crown and Peace Office of the County of Wexford :—

Accounts and Auditors' Reports, 1888, 1889.
 Appeals to Assizes, 1888-1893.
 Civil Bill Books, 1888-1893.
 Civil Bill Papers, 1888-1893.
 Convictions, 1886-1892.
 Coroners' Inquests, 1887-1894.
 Crown Book at Quarter Sessions, 1883-1890.
 Crown Books at Assizes, 1887-1893.
 Crown Files at Assizes, 1888-1893.
 Crown Files at Quarter Sessions, 1888-1893.
 Ejectment Books, 1884-1893.
 Ejectment Processes, 1888-1893.
 Jurors' Books, 1888-1893.
 Jurors' Lists, 1888-1893.
 Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, Notices for Relief (Section 20), 1888-1893.
 Lunacy Informations, 1884-1893.
 Presentment Books, 1888-1893.
 Presentment Papers, 1888-1893.
 Publicans' Licences, Notices of Applications for, 1888-1893.
 Publicans' Licences, Notices to Register, 1888-1890.
 Query Books, 1888-1893.
 Solicitors' Lists, 1888-1893.
 Voters' Lists, Registers, Claims, etc., 1888-1893.

28. From the Department of Woods, Forests and Land Revenues there were received 455 Deeds affecting the rights of the Crown. They consist of 374 Conveyances of Quit and Crown Rents, 21 Conveyances of Crown Property, and 60 Certificates of Apportionment of Crown Rent under the Irish Land Act of 1903.

29. The records referred to in paragraphs 7-8, and specified hereunder, were received under Section 16 of the Act, 30 and 31 Vic., c. 70, viz. :—

From Mr. Mathew Byrne :—

A Survey of the Estate of the Rt. Hon. Thomas Lord baron of "Kerry" 1697, by Henry Pratt.

This volume contains 64 maps of townlands in the baronies of Clonmaurice, Inaghicoanor and Trughanacmy, co. Kerry.

From Mr. Martin Blake :—

A collection of 399 deeds and instruments consisting of accounts, acquittances and receipts, awards, bonds, conveyances, agreements, powers of attorney and settlements, dispensations, inquisitions (copies), petitions and claims, wills and grants of administration, writs, and miscellaneous documents, extending from the year 1315 to 1699.

ARRANGEMENT AND PRESERVATION OF RECORDS.

30. The checking and arrangement of the Records specified in paragraphs 31-4, which were delayed for the reasons stated in paragraph 9, have been completed.

31. From the Crown and Peace Office of the County of Clare :—

- Accounts following Assizes, 1837-1885.
- Appeals to Assizes, 1825-1892.
- Asylum Accounts (Presentment Papers), 1868-1888.
- Census, 1821, duplicate returns, Parish of Inagh.
- “ “ instructions for Special Sessions under Population Act.
- “ “ Miscellaneous Memoranda.
- Civil Bill Books, 1836-1891.
- “ “ Papers, 1836-1892.
- Convictions, 1831-1860.
- Convicts and Penal Servitude Returns, 1835-1878.
- Coroners' Inquests, 1817-1892.
- Correspondence and Returns, 1816-1892.
- Costs, Solicitors (Presentment Papers), 1870-1876.
- County Court Judge's Declaration, 1889.
- Criminal Registry (Quin Petty Sessions), 1846-1847.
- “ Returns, 1826-1885.
- Crown Books at Assizes, 1732-1892.
- “ “ at Quarter Sessions, 1832-1873.
- “ “ at Quarter Sessions (Judge's Note Book), 1879-1883.
- “ Book at Special Sessions, 1823-1825.
- “ Files at Assizes, 1796-1892.
- “ “ at Quarter Sessions, 1801-1892.
- Exchequer Advances, Returns of Presentments for repayment of, 1810-1848.
- Fees, Accounts, and Returns, 1837-1896.
- Infirmary Accounts (Presentment Papers), 1837-1887.
- Informations, Lists of, 1809-1860.
- Insolvents, Petitions, etc., 1810-1849.
- Jurors' Lists, 1875-1892.
- Labouring Poor, Employment of (9 & 10 Viet. c. 107), Pay Lists, 1847.
- Landlord and Tenant Act (1870) Papers, 1881.
- Magistrates and Cesspayers' Declarations, etc., 1819-1881.
- Miscellaneous, 1813-1878.
- Offenders and Persons tried at Assizes, Returns of, 1834-1877.
- Peace Preservation Act and Police Establishment, Returns of Presentments relating to, 1816.
- Presentment Books, 1809-1891.
- “ “ (Schedules of Applications), 1819-1828.
- “ “ Papers, 1802-1893.
- Prison Accounts, Reports, etc., 1810-1873.
- “ (Fennis) Building Commissioners' Minute Book, 1830-1834.
- Prisoners' Calendars, 1809-1892.
- Process Servers' Papers, 1832-1837.

Proclamations and Gazettes (a few copies), 1831-73.
 Protection of Person and Property Act (1881) Papers, 1881-2.
 Query Books, 1828-1891.
 Recognizances, Lists of, 1811-1832.
 Renewal Affidavits, 1831-1892.
 Replevin Papers, 1832-1896.
 Revenue Police Qualifications, 1838.
 Solicitors' (Crown), Accounts, Books, and Papers, 1838-1841.
 Treasurers' Accounts and Papers, 1815-1807.
 Election Papers, 1792-1868.
 Voters' Lists, 1875-1890.
 Witnesses' Expenses, Accounts, Certificates, etc., 1823-1880.

32. From the Crown and Peace Office of the County of Down :—

Accounts (Carlingford Lough), 1888-1892.
 Appeals to Assizes, 1888-1892.
 Bye-Laws (Ardglass Harbour), 1888.
 Civil Bill and Ejectment Books, 1888-1892.
 Civil Bill (Equity) Records, 1887-1892.
 Convictions, 1888-1892.
 Crown Book at Assizes, 1879-1891.
 Crown Files at Assizes, 1888-1892.
 Crown Files at Quarter Sessions, 1888-1892.
 Fishery Records, 1889-1890.
 Jurors' Books, 1888-1892.
 Jurors' Lists, 1888-1892.
 Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, Notices, etc. (Section 7), 1887-1892.
 Lunacy Informations, 1888-1892.
 Maps, Plans, Awards, etc., 1887-1893.
 Orders (Board of Trade), 1888, 1891.
 Presentment Books, 1888-1892.
 Presentment Papers, 1888-1892.
 Publicans' Licence Notifications and Lists, 1887-1892.
 Query Books, 1888-1892.
 Renewals of Decrees, 1888-1892.
 Testamentary Records, 1882-1892.
 Title Jurisdiction (Civil Bill Cases), Maps, etc., filed in, 1891.
 Ulster Canal and Tyrone Navigation, Notice of intention to bring in a Bill, etc., 1887.
 Voters' Lists and Registers, 1888-1892.

33. From the Crown and Peace Office of the County of Kerry :—

Affidavits to obtain Decrees by Default, 1888-1892.
 Appeals to Assizes, 1887-1892.
 Appeals to Assizes, Lists of, 1888-1892.
 Bills of Sale, Abstracts of, 1888-1892.
 Civil Bill Books, 1888-1892.
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 Equity Civil Bill Books, Record of Proceedings, 1890-1893.

Equity Civil Bill Papers, 1878, 1883-1892.
 Equity Note Books (Rule or Minute), 1885-1892.
 Fees Account Book (Clerk of the Crown and Peace) 1880-1890.
 Fishery Papers, 1860, 1876, 1885, 1889-1892.
 Jurors' Books, 1888-1892.
 Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881. Minutes of Proceedings and Orders, 1882.
 Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, Notices (Section 7), 1888-1892.
 Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, Notices to set aside execution of Judgment in Ejectment, etc., (Section 30), 1887.
 Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887, Fair Rent, etc., Orders, 1888-1892.
 Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887, Papers, 1888-1892.
 Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887, Valuers' Reports, (and Maps and duplicate Originating Notices), 1887-1892.
 Lease (Copy) of Beamore, Foley to Moore, 1873.
 Magistrates' Attendances, Annascaul P.S., Return of, 1888-1891.
 Malicious Injury Informations, 1888-1892.
 Malicious Injury, Notices of, 1888-1889.
 Maps, Plans, Awards, &c., 1883-1892.
 Presentment Books, 1888-1892.
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 Presentment Papers (Applications for Payment), 1888-1892.
 Probate and Legacy Book, 1861-1870, 1892.
 Publicans' Licence Certificate Application Book, 1880-1888.
 Publicans' Licence Register, 1887-1891.
 Publicans' Licences (Excise Lists), 1887-1893.
 Publicans' Licences, Notices of Application, 1888-1892.
 Publicans' Licences, Notices to Register, 1887-1893.
 Renewal Affidavits, 1887-1892.
 Sessions (Petty) Clerks, Election Papers, 1881, 1884-1894.
 Sessions (Petty) District Papers, 1884, 1889-1894.
 Trees, Affidavits to Register, 1890-1891.
 Witnesses' Expenses, Certificates, 1888-1892.
 Witnesses' Expenses (Assizes and Sessions), 1880-1891.
 Writs of Summons, etc., 1888-1892.

34. From the Crown and Peace Office of the County and City of Londonderry:—

Appeals to Assizes, 1893, 1894.
 Arms Licences, Application List, 1893.
 Auditor's Report and Accounts following Assizes, 1893, 1894.
 Bills of Sale, Abstracts of, 1889-1894.
 Civil Bill Books, 1884-1894.
 Civil Bill Papers, 1893, 1894.
 Civil Bill and Ejectment Books (Recorder's), 1893, 1894.
 Crown Books at Assizes, 1893, 1894.
 Crown Files at Assizes, 1893, 1894.
 Crown Files at Quarter Sessions, 1893, 1894.
 Deputy-Lieutenants' Qualification and Appointment Papers, 1879-1894
 (with list of Deputy Lieutenants, 1890-1894).
 Equity Civil Bill Books, 1893, 1894.
 Equity Civil Bill Books (Record of Proceedings), 1891-1894.
 Jurors' Books, 1893, 1894.
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 Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887, Affidavits and Notices (Section 7), 1893, 1894.
 Land Acts, Valuers' Reports, 1893.
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 Publicans' Licence List, Notices, etc., 1893-1894.
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 Receipt Book (County Court), 1879-1893.
 Renewal Affidavits, 1893, 1894.
 Voters' Registers, Lists, Claims, &c., 1893-1894.
 Voters' Registration Appeal Papers, 1893.

35. The collection of Records of the diocese of Armagh, received from the Land Commission, has been examined and re-arranged.

36. The checking, re-arrangement and parcelling of the Equity Exchequer Pleadings have been continued, the Bills from 20th April, 1648, to 17th November, 1674, and the Answers from 1st July, 1635, to 28th April, 1675.

37. The Chancery Replications and Rejoinders are being separated, made into files, re-labelled with parchment labels and stamped. Of these 46 bundles containing 325 files were dealt with during the year.

38. The Wills and Papers leading to grants of Probate and Administration for the year 1893, have been checked, stamped, and arranged in dictionary order.

39. Contentious Papers from the Principal Registry (Court of Probate, 1876, and Probate and Matrimonial Division, 1879, 1889, 1890, 1892, 1893, and portion of 1894) have been checked, flattened, stamped, and arranged in dictionary order.

40. The collection of Parliamentary Papers in Bay 50 has been cleaned and re-labelled from section 163 to section 232; and the Revenue Exchequer collection in Bay 5E has been cleaned from section 1 to section 111.

41. Transfer sheets have been made to the collection of Parliamentary Reports (Vice-Treasurer's collection) received from the Custom House; and many of the Chancery Records in Bay 1D have been re-labelled.

42. The Census Returns for 1851, except those for the county of Antrim and the city of Dublin, have been checked as far as regards parishes. As a preliminary step towards binding the Census Returns of the city of Dublin for 1851, the "A" Forms have been checked with the "B" Forms, except in the case of the Parish of St. Michan, and have been repaired wherever necessary.

43. Forty-seven volumes of miscellaneous Records have been re-bound; and 20 Chancery Bills, 25 original Wills, 15 Administration Bonds, 1,730 Census Returns, and 120 leaves of the Parish Register and Vestry Book of Ballysunnan Parish, have been repaired.

Thirty-five bundles of Patents for Inventions have been stamped.

INDEXING AND CALENDARING.

44. Work upon the preparation of a Catalogue of the Accounts on the Pipe Roll for the eighteenth year of Edward III. has been continued by me.

45. Progress has been made in the collection and arrangement of the material for the Guide to the Records by Mr. Wood.

46. A Calendar has been prepared by Mr. Chart to the Exchequer Memorandum Roll, *a.r.j.* Hen. IV. up to membrane 48.

47. A new Index has been made to the collection of the Clerk of the Crown and Hanaper, and an Index for the Crown Office of the King's Bench has been commenced.

48. Indexes have been made to Recognizance Rolls, Chancery, 1892-3, and to Disentailing Deed Rolls, Chancery, 1892-3.

49. The draft Index to the leases of J. J. Murphy, Master in Chancery, has been continued. Thirteen Chancery Order Books have been indexed, 11 Indexes to Chancery Order Books have been checked, and a commencement has been made to arrange in dictionary order the items of a General Index to Chancery Orders for the years, 1838-58.

An Index has been made to the See Leases portion of the Records of the diocese of Armagh, referred to in paragraphs 10 and 35. A list has been made of the Administration Bonds found in this collection for the diocese of Armagh and for the Drogheda District of the same diocese. They have also been entered in the regular indexes of Administration Bonds.

50. A new copy of the Detailed Index to the Census Returns for the years 1821-51 is being made.

51. As a preliminary step towards making a further Consolidated Index to the Calendars of Wills, Grants of Probates, Administrations, etc., for the years 1878-97, the names of the deceased with the Registries and dates have been extracted from the Calendars for 1878-84, inclusive.

PRINTING OF CALENDARS, INDEXES, AND RECORDS.

53. Progress has been made with the printing of the " Guide to the Records in the Public Record Office of Ireland "; at the end of the year 1915 fourteen galleys were in type and a quantity of manuscript was ready for the printer.

PROCEEDINGS UNDER PAROCHIAL RECORDS ACTS.

53. The Registers of the Union of Caher, Killinane and Glenbegh having become attachable under 38 and 39 Vic. c. 59, a warrant was signed for their transfer to this Office.

54. The Records of the following Parishes have been received during the year :—

Parish.	County.	Vols.	Baptisms.	Marriages.	Burials.
Caher and Killinane	Kerry ...	2	1823-1878	1823-1844	1823-1913
Glenbegh (a) ...	Kerry ...	1	1848-1890	— —	— —
Kilcolgan (b) ...	Galway	1	1804-1810	1803-1807	1801 and 1814

(a) This Register was in the custody of the Incumbent of Killorglin, to which Parish Glenbegh was subsequently united, and contains an entry of baptism in 1909 for the Parish of Killorglin.

(b) This Register was missing in 1896, when the other Registers of the Parish were transferred to this Office, but was discovered by the Incumbent last year in private custody.

55. The Registers of Crumlin, Co. Dublin, stated in last year's Report to have been temporarily deposited, are now deposited *permanently*.

56. A Register of the Parish of Oregon, in local custody under a Retention Order, was re-bound in this Office during the year.

57. Annual Reports upon the Registers in local custody were received from all the Parishes where Records are in local custody under Retention Orders. 638 Retention Orders have now been signed, of which 606 are still in operation.

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58. The Stamps for fees on copies and inspections of Records during the year 1915, amounted to £1,066 14s. 6d. as follows :—

	£	s.	d.
Inspections (2,776),	138	16	0
Copies (309 folios), at 1s.,	18	0	0
.. (35,484 folios), at 6d.,	887	2	0
.. Maps (20),	20	5	0
.. Countermanded before examination,	0	0	6
Attendance (1),	2	2	0
	1,066	14	6

In addition to the above, fees to the amount of £9 6s. 6d. were remitted on copies required by Public Departments for the public service.

59. Inspections and Searches on behalf of Public Departments have been made, without fees, as follows :—

Inland Revenue,	13,967
Local Government Board, Ireland,	347
Local Government Board, Scotland,	398
Local Government Board, England,	159
Quit Rent Office,	156
Ulster King of Arms,	102
Board of Public Works,	20
Congested Districts Board,	11
Estate Duty Office,	11
Other Offices,	19
Total,	15,120

60. Certificates to the number of 183 were granted for inspection of Records for literary purposes. Under these, 5,396 volumes, records, and files were produced for literary readers during the year.

Numerous searches have been made under these certificates to discover or establish pedigrees, and in general historical and antiquarian inquiry. Among such subjects of investigation may be mentioned :—

General Ecclesiastical History: Histories of the Dioceses of Cork, Dro-more, Ossory, Waterford and Lismore; Histories of the parishes of Bally-bay, Ballymachugh, Clontarf, Crumlin, Enniskillen, Errigal Trough, Inniscarra, Kilmaham, Loughinisland, Rathfarnham, Seagoe; Histories of the Counties of Galway, Leitrim, Louth, Monaghan, Roscommon, Tip-perary, Tyrone, Waterford, Wicklow; Commonwealth History: Forfeitures, 1641; Social and Economic History of Ireland in the 18th Century; His-tory of Catholic Clergy in the 18th Century; Military History; Move-ments of foreign troops in Ireland in 1798; History of the Dublin Tailors Guild; History of Ulster tribal lands; Materials in connection with editing of O'Bradaire's Poems; History of Irish Education; Transplantation: Tapestry in the Irish House of Lords; Histories of the families of Abernethy, Allen, Armstrong, Balfour, Bamber, Barlow, Barrington, Barry, Bell, Blacker, Braddell, Brady, Burke, Butler, Byrne, Carleton, Cavenagh, Courtenay, Cox, Crasswell, Cunningham, D'Arcy, Delafield, Douse, Dowdall, Drury, Elliott, Ellis, Fetherstonhaugh, FitzGerald, Fleming, Gallagher, Graham, Gregory, Gubbins, Guinness, Hall, Hamilton, Haughton, Heron, Hull, Jackson, Jennings, Kavanagh, Keating, Kennedy, Ker, Kilkelly, Leeper, Lepper, Lestrangle, Little, Lloyd, Longfield, Ludlow, McClean, McClure, McKim, McNeil, MacSwiney, Machlin, Mastern, Masterson, Mathews, Maxwell, Meade, Moate, Moore, Moriarty, Nash, O'Callaghan, O'Donovan, O'Gorman, O'Neale, O'Shaughnessy, O'Sullivan, Parlin, Persse, Petty, Pinkerton, Pogue, Prentice, Prim, Richardson, Satterford, Sirr, Sneyd, Steele, Stewart, Stoute, Stratford, Sullivan, Teuison, Thunder, Townley, Walker, Waller, Wardell, and Webb.

61. Donations to the Library have been received from :—

The Master of the Rolls, England, three volumes of Record Publications.
The Keeper of the Records, Scotland, one volume of Record Publications.
Martin J. Blake, Esq., B.L., the author, "An old Lynch Manuscript,"
and "The Castle and Lynch's House" (1 Vol.).

67. Space to receive 94 cartons has been provided by thoroughly filling the cartons now containing certain Papers of the Chief Secretary's Office for the years 1821-30. One-third of the space hitherto occupied by this collection is now available.

68. The searches for Government Departments during the year numbered 445. Rev. R. H. Murray, and the Hon. Mrs. Kirkpatrick on behalf of Miss L. E. M. Ellis, have been permitted to examine certain State Papers. Applications for permission to examine certain State Papers, supposed to exist, were made by Mr. S. Shannon Millin, Mrs. Burke, and Miss E. Byrne D'Arcy, but these Papers could not be traced.

All which is humbly submitted to your Excellencies as my Report.

Dated at the Public Record Office, Dublin, this 26th day of July, 1916.

M. J. McENERY,

*Deputy Keeper of the Records and Keeper
of the State Papers in Ireland.*

I humbly certify to your Excellencies that this Report is made by the Deputy Keeper of the Records, under my direction, pursuant to the Statute.

CHARLES A. O'CONNOR,

M.R.